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**Testimony from: Dr. Natalie Chung, Farmington, Connecticut, Parent  
In support of Raised Bill No.1195, An Act Concerning School Funding  
Reform**

This Thursday, March 24, 2011, is an extremely important day for the state of Connecticut. I and many other parents from communities throughout Connecticut have joined together to show our support of Raised Senate Bill 1195, An Act Concerning School Finance Reform.

This conversation is long overdue. Governor Malloy has vowed to keep state funds for education the same even during the budget crisis, but he also said that the current system is broken and must be fixed. We agree.

Under the current system, children are funded at wildly varying levels across the state, and their learning needs are not accurately reflected in that funding. This bill offers a commonsense solution that puts students first. It is based on one simple concept: fund every student based on his learning needs at the public school he attends.

We cannot allow this opportunity to pass and thus again failing our children. It is our hope that you as our elected legislators demonstrate how much you truly care about this issue and our children by supporting this bill. Without your support, our kids fail, our communities fail, the state fails. We have no one else to turn toward for leadership. Let's not let our kids down!

Thank you.